COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF REGULATIONS

The Division proposes to amend its MassHealth regulations under the authority of M.G.L. c. 6A, s. 16; M.G.L. c. 118E, ss. 7 and 12; and pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, s. 3. The Division describes the substance of the proposed actions as amendments to regulations found at 130 CMR 520.000 (MassHealth: Financial Eligibility).

MassHealth is revising the regulations to incorporate the annual increase in the federal standard maintenance allowance and standard shelter allowance.

These regulations went into effect July 1, 2008, as emergency regulations.

All persons desiring to submit data, views, or arguments concerning these proposed actions may submit them in writing to the Medicaid Director, EOHHS, One Ashburton Place, Room 1109, Boston, Massachusetts 02108, or e-mail them to masshealthpublicnotice@state.ma.us. E-mailed comments should contain the sender's name, mailing address, and organization or affiliation, if any. Comments will be accepted through February 27, 2009.

All persons desiring to review the current draft of the proposed actions may go to www.mass.gov/masshealth/proposedregs or request a copy in writing or in person from the MassHealth Publications Unit, 600 Washington Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02111.

The Division may adopt a revised version of the proposed actions taking into account relevant comments and any other practical alternatives that come to its attention.

By Order of the Division of Medical Assistance

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